

# Application of Information Theory, Lecture 7

## Relative Entropy

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# Section 1

## **Definition and Basic Facts**

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► We will later see the relation between the above two facts.

## Section 4

# **Relation to Data Compression**

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